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Applicants request a one (1) month enlargement of time to respond to the Office Action in this case mailed 28 December 2005. Please charge the fee for this enlargement of time or any additional fees to the Deposit Account listed below before the signature block.

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 19 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 28 of this paper.

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and 10/816,579. The inventions of the two applications, the instant invention and Application 10/816,579 are patentably distinct so there is no support for the rejection based on obviousness double-patenting. Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn

In view of the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement, Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.


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Respectfully submitted,
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